

Sevier - Coles House
214 North Main Street
Greeneville
Greene County
Tennessee

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Street Address: 214 North Main Street, Greeneville, Greene County,
Tennessee

Present Owner: Dr. R. S. Coles, Sr.

Present Occupant:

Present Use: Residence

Brief Statement of Significance: This early nineteenth century house has fine original
woodwork, but no particular historical importance.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original owner: Valentine Sevier
2. Date of erection: Early nineteenth century
3. Builder: Battersby and Hoy

B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure: Valentine Sevier, nephew of the first Governor of Tennessee, served as Clerk of the Circuit Court or Greene County Court for over 50 years.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: This house contains fine interior
woodwork in the front section.
2. Condition of fabric: The exterior of the house is in good
condition, and the interior in an excellent condition.

B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Foundations: Brick
2. Wall construction: Brick

3. Chimneys: Brick
4. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: Gable, tin
 - b. Cornice: Moulded brick cornices
 - c. Dormers: None

C. Technical Description of Interiors:

1. Floor plan: L shape; two stories and basement
2. Stairways: Straight stair in front hall, running from the rear to front. Turned balusters. Paneled below. Stair in original design and maintained in excellent repair.
3. Flooring: Original wide pine boards.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Plaster
5. Doorways and doors: Six panel, many original
6. Hardware: Front of house equipped with Haymacker locks, named after their manufacturer. Hinges are modern replacements.
7. Lighting: Modern electric
8. Heating: Main heating by modern furnace; fireplace in working order

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: House sets well back from North Main Street and is well landscaped with many old box-woods remaining. House faces west-northwest.
2. Outbuildings: Brick outbuilding on left was built as a law office. Brick outbuilding on right was built as slave quarters. This outbuilding is now in the property of the neighboring house. Log outbuilding was used as a smoke house.
3. Walks: Tan bark

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